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19. (Revised) An apparatus which can be attached to flanges of varying sizes by aligning a hole in a base of said apparatus and by aligning holes in ~~articulating~~ the longitudinally and latitudinally extending members of said base in such a manner that the placement of bolts through the holes in the base of the apparatus and the holes in said ~~articulating~~ longitudinally and latitudinally extending members and holes in said flanges provide a stable three point anchoring system thereby providing for the attachment of a hoist ~~and thereby eliminating the need for pre-existing mounting brackets and the need for time-consuming efforts to attach brackets in the event of an emergency.~~

20. (Revised) An apparatus which can be attached to flanges of varying sizes as recited in claim 419, comprising:

- (a) a the base;
- (b) said base which includes a centering hole through which a mounting bolt with a tapered head passes;
- (c) said base which includes threaded holes into which guide bolts may be screwed;
- (d) said base which includes ~~articulating~~ longitudinally and latitudinally extending members;
- (e) said ~~articulating~~ longitudinally and latitudinally extending members which include slotted grooves;
- (f) said ~~articulating~~ longitudinally and latitudinally extending members which include centering holes through which mounting bolts with tapered heads may pass;
- (g) said base which includes cavities through which said ~~articulating~~ longitudinally and latitudinally extending members may pass;
- (h) said base which includes threaded holes through which ~~articulating~~ longitudinally and latitudinally extending member locking bolts may be screwed;
- (i) said guide bolts which screw into said threaded holes and pass through said slotted grooves of said ~~articulating~~ longitudinally and latitudinally extending members;
- (j) said mounting bolts with tapered heads which pass through said base at said centering hole and said ~~articulating~~ longitudinally and latitudinally extending members at said centering holes and universally passing through holes of said flanges;
- (k) tapered nuts which thread onto said mounting bolts with tapered heads.

21. (Revised) The base as recited in claim 2 20 which includes:

- (a) a mounting pedestal which provides for the capacity to insert a the hoist of ~~particular dimensions~~;

(b) a the mounting pedestal which includes drilled threaded holes through which a locking screw can be threaded thereby securing said hoist to said mounting pedestal.

22. (Revised) A The base as recited in claim 2 20 which includes:

(a) a the support tab;

(b) a the support tab to which support cables can be attached via a drilled hole in order to provide for increased strength of an attached hoist and redundancy of safety in the event of the failure of a hoist.

23. (Revised) A The base as recited in claim 2 20 which includes drilled and threaded holes into which ~~articulating~~ longitudinally and latitudinally extending member locking bolts are positioned which upon tightening increase the stability of the apparatus.